



AYYAGARI SYAMASUNDARAM

Akademi Award: Carnatic Instrumental Music (Veena)

Born on 1 January 1948 in Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh, Shri Ayyagari Syamasundaram received his training in Carnatic music from his father Ayyagari Someswara Rao. He later polished his art under the able guidance of Shri Nedunuri Krishnamurthy.

An outstanding performer and teacher of Veena, Shri Ayyagari Syamasundaram is a top-grade artist of All India Radio, and has performed in prestigious music festivals in India and abroad. He has trained a number of students, having served as Principal of the Government College of Music and Dance, Guntur, and the G.V.R. Government College of Music and Dance, Vijayawada. He has several recordings to his credit.

In recognition of his work in the field, Shri Syamasundaram has been honoured with several prestigious awards. These include the Best Veena Concert Award given by the Krishna Gana Sabha, Chennai (1978 and 1980), the Veena Concert Award of the Music Academy, Madras (1978), the Ugadi Puraskar conferred by the Government of Andhra Pradesh (2011), and the Visishta Pratibha Puraskar bestowed by the Telugu University, Andhra Pradesh (2011). He is an Asthana Vidwan of the Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetham, Tamil Nadu.

Shri Ayyagari Syamasundaram receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to Carnatic instrumental music.